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Nine drug dealers jailed for 29 years

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A NETWORK of drug dealers have been sentenced to just over 29 years in prison after an investigation by detectives from the Violent and Organised Crime Unit (VOCU), funded by Greenwich Council. The lengthy undercover operation, codenamed Granite, enabled police to dismantle a highly organised criminal network that made its money from dealing in class A drugs. It started last July when officers began investigating drug telephone lines and the people running them. A drug line is a phone number controlled by a drug dealer, who in turn controls a particular drug market. The number is given to drug users to call if they want to buy class A drugs. Operation Granite first targeted 'Ace', real name Jibril Jama, 22, who was running the drug market in Westcombe Park. Jama, from Woolwich, was working the line with his 17-year-old partner, known as 'Acer'. Officers working under cover used a range of tactics to build up evidence, including test purchase operations. Jama and 'Acer' sold 27 wraps of cocaine and 24 wraps of heroin with a street value of £470 to undercover detectives posing as drug users. Both Jama and the 17-year-old were arrested on November 9, 2010 and charged. They both pleaded guilty to

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In my opinion

A Berry that has changed my life



PING, ping, ping. Whether it's a familiar sound to you or not, it's the sound of the BlackBerry. The latest technological craze, particularly among young people like myself. Without a BlackBerry you are out of touch, completely behind. Even my dad owns one!

To outsiders they are anti-social, annoying and frankly just another fad. But to me, as sad as it may sound, I start and end my day with my BlackBerry. I can text, ping, tweet, check facebook, and play Sudoku all at the touch of a button.

If you see my head buried in my BlackBerry it's because I'm constantly communicating, studying my recent updates or nosing through so and so's latest holiday pics. While I stare at the screen, have no worries I'm still listening to you talk. It's called multi-tasking. As you babble away I'm doing the same, just on my BlackBerry. If you have one, you'll know just how addictive they are. You'll know that constant urge to check

your phone to see what's changed, and the worry that it might have just grown legs and jumped out of your handbag. Then there's that gut-wrenching feeling when it drops and crashes to the floor. The BlackBerry is no longer a fad. Those that have them know that it has become a way of life. It makes way for socialising, talking with people you wouldn't normally, and all in all keeping up to date.

iPods are no more. Mine sits dusty on the shelf because my BlackBerry has enough space for all the songs I could want. Texts are no more, they take too long to send, replies are too slow. With my BlackBerry I can see whether you've read my message or not, I can see while you're replying and I know what you're doing each moment due to your latest status. Yes, I sound like your stalker but I'm not. I'm just a harmless BlackBerry user. So if you haven't got a BlackBerry no doubt you'll want one now. They are in your reach - come and join the rest of us BlackBerry users!

Olivia Patten

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'Men in Sheds' pop out for top award

Age Concern scheme beats 532 others across UK

by Peter Cordwell

A BRILLIANTLY simple initiative has won a UK award for the vital and vibrant organisation that is Age Concern Greenwich.

'Men in Sheds' beat no fewer than 532 community projects to win the prestigious award run by Mears, the social housing and repairs company with more than 10,000 employees.

"We were amazed when we were on the shortlist of eight," said project co-ordinator Pauline Cahill. "Then on cloud nine when they told us we were the winners."

"Mears were incredibly helpful when we told them about Men In Sheds. They came to Progress Hall in Eltham with a training officer and three apprentices and fitted out sheds, electrics, plumbing, worktops, cupboards, shelves and all the rest of it."

"They were wonderful. All we had to pay for was a discounted amount for the electricians because Mears had to sub this out as part of their community engagement work."

Men In Sheds - which scored in Mears' 'Goal One' to "improve the lives of people living in our communities" - attracted TV presenter Tommy Walsh of 'Ground Force' fame to its launch in November.

The project brings together men aged over 65 to chat and be easy in a "shed environment" while developing their skills to make things and raise money for local charities.

"Thanks to local publicity and interest, the project took off immediately and the 'Shed' quickly extended its opening hours," said Pauline. "We have 22 registered members

who meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We're hoping to start a Thursday session this month."

"They are people with a range of skills, including retired woodwork teachers, IT experts, builders and many keen DIYers. People have many reasons for joining, many live in flats and just miss their sheds!"

John James - "J.J." to the men in sheds - is a 72-year-old retired carpenter. He told GT: "The thing was, I lost my partner on December 1 and wanted something to do. This got me right out of a hole."

"I love coming up here on a Tuesday and I'm hoping there'll be a Thursday session as well. One day's not enough for me. It's lovely, really friendly."



SHED-LOAD OF FUN: above John Coghlan, left John Fegan and Vernon Bylett

she's brilliant."

John has already completed two big ramps for wheelchair users. "Now I'm doing a load of decking out the back for this place. We'll be able to have barbecues in the summer. It'll be great."

"I'm over the moon with the place. I was down my caravan at the weekend and came back last night just to come here."

"We have a laugh and Pauline's great. She does love a chat. You have to wait for her to come up for breath to get a word in, but

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Smooth sailing

New £35m wing for Maritime museum opens in July

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A TOY pig that survived the sinking of the Titanic, a 200-year-old love token carved on a ship's biscuit, and Admiral Lord Nelson's last letter to his daughter are just some of the amazing and moving artefacts that will go on show to the public when the National Maritime Museum opens its new £35 million wing on July 14.

It will be the largest development in the museum's history and is being seen as a catalyst for it to change the way it presents its galleries, exhibitions and events. The new wing has been made possible through a £20 million donation from international shipping magnate and philanthropist Sammy Ofer and an award of £5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The rest has been funded by the museum itself.

The project includes a special exhibitions gallery allowing the museum to stage a full programme of temporary shows; a permanent gallery called Voyagers that will tell the story of Britain and the sea; a restaurant and café with views over Greenwich Park; and a state-of-the-art library and archive bringing much of the museum's world-renowned archive on site for the first time.

The new wing gives the museum an opportunity to focus on the stories of adventure, discovery, tragedy, courage and disaster giving a richer understanding of Britain's maritime heritage.

Other archive material that will go on show will be Captain Cook's handwritten journals and the log book of Robert Maynard, the man who killed the infamous pirate, Blackbeard. The museum also



ARTIST IMPRESSION: the new wing will offer views over Greenwich Park

holds Shackleton's personal copy of Browning's poems which he carried with him to the Arctic, and the log book of slave ship captain John Newton, who wrote the hymn Amazing Grace.

The museum has the world's most important maritime archive, containing 100,000 books and nearly two miles of shelved manuscripts. Professional researchers, students, community groups and people exploring their family history will have unprecedented access to a vast range of journals, letters, records, charts, prints and drawings as the new wing enables key archives to be stored at Greenwich for the first time.

Lord Sterling, Chairman of the National Maritime Museum, said: "Our maritime story is Britain's national story. And understanding the way the past has

shaped the present never been more important in enriching our understanding of the world and providing inspiration for the future. In the Sammy Ofer Wing, our new exhibition space will introduce new generations of visitors to the many rich narratives bound up in our maritime story."

● More about museums in the borough at www.greenwich.gov.uk/museums

Borough BRIEFS

Blackwall Easter closures

THE Blackwall Tunnel will be closed to southbound traffic over the Easter weekend from 9pm on Thursday, April 21 to 5am on Tuesday, April 26. The tunnel is being closed as part of ongoing refurbishment work to the 113-year-old river crossing. The tunnel will be carrying northbound traffic and the Rotherhithe Tunnel will operate two lanes in the southbound direction only. Drivers are advised to avoid the area if possible and use alternative river crossings such as Southwark Bridge, London Bridge and Tower Bridge or the Dartford Crossing to complete their journey. The Woolwich Ferry will also be operating a two-boat service across the Easter weekend (Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday 6.10am - 10pm; Sunday 9am - 9.30pm). ● Details at www.tfl.gov.uk/blackwall-tunnelrefurbishment. More travel updates at www.greenwich.gov.uk/travel

Hospice coffee morning pots £1,000

MORE than 100 people went along for a coffee morning at the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice and raised more than £1,100 to help with the hospice's work. ● To find out how you can support the work of Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice and for details of all the latest events, visit www.communityhospice.org.uk

Share your Royal Wedding party pics with us

PEOPLE all over the borough are looking forward to a right royal knees-up when Prince William and Kate Middleton marry on Friday, April 29. Street parties are being organised and the finishing touches are being planned for food, music, drink, balloons and streamers. Greenwich Time wants to share the fun with you so you can have a lasting souvenir of your celebrations. We want to publish photos of your street party and other events. So if you intend taking a snap or two, please send them to us as soon as possible. E-mail them to dan.stephens@greenwich.gov.uk and tell us who is in the photo. Many readers will remember all the fun they had at previous celebrations for Royal events. So if you have a photo you took as you partied to mark The Queen's Silver Jubilee,



the Coronation, or any other royal big day, e-mail it now to the same address so we can share it with our readers. Meanwhile, clubs, shops and pubs around the borough are getting into the Royal Wedding spirit, and putting on special displays and events. Greenwich Market is running a special Royal Wedding Memorabilia Market between 11am and 5pm on the royal wedding day. There will be more than 80 antique and craft stalls featuring new and

vintage memorabilia including antique pieces of china, glass and linens as well as locally-produced, contemporary handcrafted souvenirs. Visitors can also enjoy a 'Right Royal Tea Party' with drinks and cakes 'to go' from the many food stalls at the market. Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts said: "We in Greenwich have a lot to celebrate - this year there is the Royal wedding and next year we'll become a Royal Borough, it's the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we hosting events for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Traditionally we often celebrate with street parties or outdoor community events. It's a great way to get to know our neighbours, build a strong sense of community and have fun together." ● Information and advice on holding a street party at www.greenwich.gov.uk/streetparties

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Letters

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It's great to see Chris diving in

I WAS interested to read about Chris Snode coming to Greenwich to look for potential divers, and I wondered if any of your readers remember the diving team based at Eltham Pool in the 60s and 70s?

I was lucky enough to be a member of that team and we had a great deal of fun doing displays all over London and the South of England. Many of our divers went on to join the professional Aquashows at the coastal resorts of Bournemouth, Morecombe, Yarmouth and Weston-Super-Mare. We tended to specialise in the comedy style of diving and I always wondered whether we had more laughs than the audience. I wish Chris well in his search for new divers and it is great to see diving becoming a far more popular sport. P.S. I have attached a photo taken at Eltham Pool during one of our displays (I am sitting astride the other diver)

Paul Hall, Plumstead



Thanks for helping with path problem

I'D like to say a big thank you to my MP Clive Efford to his efforts in helping get a pathway for disabled people and wheelchairs around Avery Hill Park. I got the star letter in GT (March 22) on the subject and Clive wrote to me afterwards to say he had contacted the relevant people about getting a pathway laid. It's great to have a local MP in your constituency and Clive has put in a lot of time to help out. Many thanks.

John Littlefield, New Eltham

Battle of history class

WHEN I was at school (more years ago than I'm prepared to admit) the teachers seemed to go out of their way to make lessons boring. History, for example, was taught from a hefty text book with hardly any illustrations, and the hours just dragged by. So I was delighted to read that Millennium Primary School is bringing lessons to life, such as re-enacting the Battle of Hastings using bags of strawberry jelly as ammunition. What a great way to help the young people learn. It's a memory that will stay with them for a very long time, and surely that's what learning is all about.

Raymond Burley, Eltham

Oh, for the play-offs...

THE play-off games are arguably the most exciting of the season but also the most nerve-wracking. On one level it's great to be without them but on another - as a Charlton supporter - I'd be more than prepared to go through the agony.

Carl Picton, Charlton

'Empty' is an eyesore

I HOPE a lot of the boarded-up buildings in Greenwich borough will be bought back into use in the very near future. Empty properties that are left empty for months and even years become an eyesore and a meeting place for anti-social behaviour. Another problem is dumped rubbish and rats. Some of the old disused public houses could be re-opened as restaurants and cafés so they can be used in the evenings and weekends as well as during the day. The accommodation upstairs could be turned into flats or bedsits for single people who

are waiting to be housed from the waiting list.

Julian Russell, Kidbrooke

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I'm still looking for Cloudy

I WOULD like to thank Dorothy Stephens for bringing Cloudy the Orange Winged Amazon parrot back into the public eye in your letters. Cloudy went missing on March 25, 2009 and is still AWOL. I still look for him every day and hope he will come

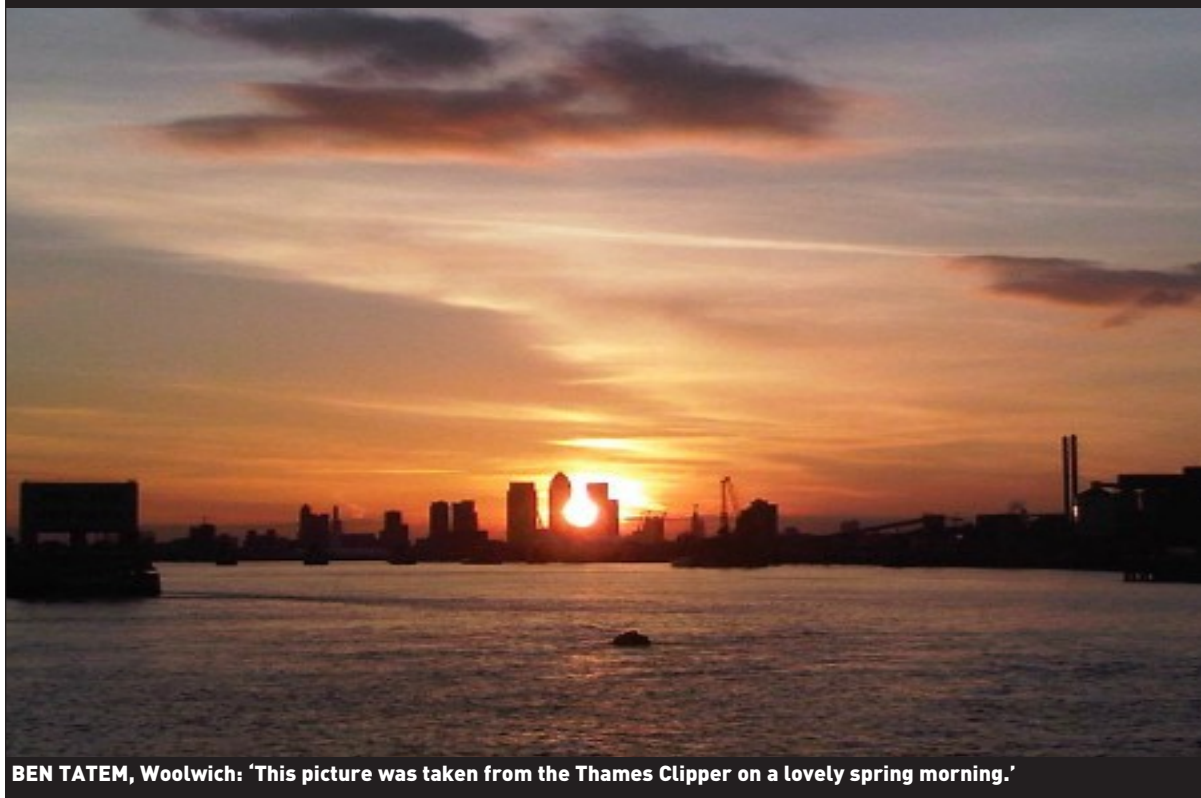
home. I have never stopped missing him. I would urge anyone who has caught him or seen him to contact me on 07982 216 833. He is a much-loved pet and needs to be home with his family.

Jacky Ware

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BEN TATEM, Woolwich: 'This picture was taken from the Thames Clipper on a lovely spring morning.'

QUIETLY, determinedly, the various teams to represent Greenwich in this year's London Youth Games at Crystal Palace are honing their skills and getting in the right frame of mind to do their darndest on the day. GT popped along to Samuel Montagu Youth Centre in Kidbrooke to see how the cycling team was taking shape...

Up a gear!

by Peter Cordwell

WE'VE got the wheels and we've got the way - so watch out for an improvement on last year's 10th position by Greenwich cyclists at this year's London Youth Games at Crystal Palace.

Eight young people will make up the Greenwich team of Juveniles and Juniors following two lots of trials at the very supportive Samuel Montagu Youth Centre in Broad Walk, Kidbrooke.

Two exceptional volunteers are behind the borough effort. Manager Ray Harrad is hardly lacking in experience, having taken the squad every year for the last 30, and coach Ollie Golding is the power behind Limited Edition Cycling, the club that started last November and now has 28 committed members.

Ray lives in the wilds of Belvedere but has been Greenwich through and through since organising a holiday cycling scheme for the borough at about the time 'Blood on the Tracks' was No.1 in the album charts.

"We used to get most of our riders from the local club, Gemini BC," said Ray, a sprightly 75 who still takes after-school clubs in Greenwich, "but now we hold a series of trials to find all the talent out there. We got the Youth Games gold about five years ago and we're usually in there competing."

"The Juniors will do four laps of the Crystal Palace circuit and the Juveniles two. The fastest three will count. They did used to race against each other but now it's a time trial."

"Technique is important but basically you need a good pair of lungs and a good heart, and British cycling is doing as well as ever after winning ten gold medals - far more than any other sport - at the last Olympics."

Ollie told GT: "Limited Edition Cycling has been brilliant considering it's been through the winter. It's a club for all abilities from all walks of life. We've been involved in a races, charity rides, the lot. The adults are based at Eltham Park South and the kids are based here at Samuel Montagu."

"The idea is to develop a strong team for Greenwich



PALACE BOUND: Joe Selly impresses in his time trial for the Greenwich team

and help build the club up at the same time. Team members get free membership to the club and free training up to the London Youth Games.

"We've got two coaches, three cycling instructors, a route planner and two Sky Ride Leaders, which British Cycling are doing with Sky television. We're hoping to get out on the roads and in Greenwich Park this summer."

"By the way, we're first cycling club for children in the borough so we're looking to attract new members aged seven to 16 from all across Greenwich. Cycling is great for fitness and the social side of it, as we've already proved, is fantastic."

Newcomer Joe Selly, 17, who lives in Greenwich, looks a certainty for the Junior team after recording the third fastest time trial. He said: "I play tennis at Blackheath Tennis Club and saw the trials advertised there. I'd love to get in the Greenwich team. I don't cycle for a club but cycle to most places."



MEDAL HOPE: Iman Ahmad is looking to add to the medal she won in the cricket team

is another of the bronze medal-winning Greenwich cricket team to have a go at a second Youth Games sport. She turned up with eight-year-old Yaqub, who is too young this year but is bound to figure in the future.

Iman said: "It was good to get a medal at Lord's. I'm an all-rounder, batting and bowling, and I'd love to get in the cycling team too." Yaqub, who goes to Invicta primary school, said: "Cycling's a good sport but I also play football. I'm a forward and a goalkeeper!"

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, told GT: "We're so lucky and grateful to have volunteers of the standard of Ray and Ollie. I'm sure our team will do well again this year. The aim must be to beat tenth!"

● **FIND out more about Limited Edition Cycling Club at www.limitededitioncycling.co.uk**

Be inspired to cycle in the borough by visiting www.greenwich.gov.uk/cycling



TEAM VALUES: some of the trialists with manager Ray Harrad and coach Ollie Golding

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Mandeville meets his match!

by Dick Townsend-Smith

MANDEVILLE, the London 2012 Paralympics mascot, got more than he bargained for when he called in at Middle Park Primary School in Eltham.

For there to give him a surprise masterclass in judo was 10-year-old Cassy Malyon, who became a yellow belt in the sport while fighting without her prosthetic leg. Cassy's right leg was amputated when she was just five but she was determined not to let this get in the way of her enthusiasm for the sport, and now finds it easier to fight without her prosthetic leg.

Middle Park is part of the Get Set network, the official London 2012 education programme, and nominated Cassy for a LOCOG award for living the Paralympic Value of determination.

Students whose stories impress LOCOG the most get surprise visits from Mandeville as he travels around the UK, meeting new people, making new friends and trying new sports. Pupils were nominated by more than 200 primary school entries across the country, and Cassy - whose story was featured in GT on March 29 - was chosen by the

London 2012 Education Team for a visit by the mascot. The news was kept as a secret from Cassy, who thought she had just been asked to wear her judo kit and put on a judo display with her sister at the school assembly.

"She was really surprised and then delighted as her name as a winner was read out - and Mandeville then arrived while all the children were chanting 'Cassy, Cassy'," said Sutveer Kaur from LOCOG. "She then showed him how to do some judo moves before being presented with her winner's certificate."

Deputy head Donna Adkinson told GT: "We are so very proud of Cassy. She epitomises the Paralympic values and is an inspiration to all our pupils."

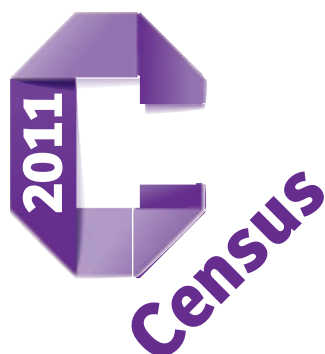
Also at the presentation was Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for Culture and Olympics, who said: "Cassy has been inspired by the Games to take up judo and gone on to become a yellow belt, and fights non-disabled young people and won a tournament a few weeks ago."

"She is a great inspiration to us all, and a wonderful example of what the Paralympics are all about."

Judo star Cassy gets a grip on Paralympics mascot



SURPRISES ALL ROUND: Mandeville the mascot surprises Cassy and he's surprised by her judo moves while her classmates look on



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5.30pm-7.30pm YMCA, Woolwich Dockyard Estate, Woolwich Church Street, SE18 5PQ

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Tuesday 26 April
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You can get help with your census form at all Greenwich Council outlets; drop into any library, neighbourhood office, children's centre, or Crown Buildings.

Ask a member of staff for help - you will need your form with you.

WHAT do you want to be when you grow up? Greenwich's younger children are getting unique inspiration to answer the age-old question. Greenwich Council has been organising careers presentations for primary schools - offering a chance to try out anything from hard-hats to white coats and stethoscopes - as well as a workshop in all aspects of handling money, and another giving an insight into building and architecture. Meanwhile, almost 1,000 nine and ten-year-olds from Abbey Wood schools were invited to a special 'World of Work' careers fair of their very own at the Heritage Centre on the Royal Arsenal site at Woolwich. It was the second event of its kind and the children clearly had a W.O.W. (World of Work) of a time. PAT GREENWOOD popped along...

THE two-day event on April 6 and 7 was organised in conjunction with Greenwich Council and over 15 employers.

The Police and the London Fire Brigade sent representatives for the first time. There were also people from the banks and the building trade, as well as from the charity sector and the leisure and entertainment industries.

The council gave each young visitor a special introductory W.O.W. booklet, with suggested questions to ask.

Kate Knox, one of the teachers with a party of pupils from Alexander McLeod School in Fuschia Street, told us: "It's the first time we've been to this event. It's brilliant! We've just done a whole-year survey in both year 5 and 6, asking pupils what they want to be. Being a footballer wasn't an option."

"In fact, there was a strong trend towards being a teacher. However, that may have changed after today."

Rupeka, 10, from Alex McLeod, told us: "I wanted to be a hairdresser before I came here this afternoon. Now I like the idea of doing drawings to build offices, because that was a very good stand to visit, very interesting."

Fellow pupil Charlie, also 10, said: "I've wanted to be a financial trader, but now I think I'd like to work behind the scenes in a bank. It sounds like the work would be more varied."

Jessica, aged 11, from Bannockburn Primary in Plumstead High Street, said: "I like the stand where they ask you to build a pyramid of your life - from SATS to secondary school, from GCSEs to college and jobs. I'd like to work in a beauty salon, and then, once I save up, to open one of my own."

Chelsea, 10, told us: "We were expecting someone just talking to us today about jobs, but there are all these activities to do. I either want to be a zoo keeper or work with Jessica. I would quite like to work in panto, too. We'll be getting ready for our Year 6

So what do YOU want to be?

production for Christmas later this year."

PC Karen Stapley, the police officer who works with Crown Woods School in Eltham, was at the fair with her police community support officer colleague, David Lennon.

Karen said: "We're telling the children all about the job, the variety of it, the equipment we use - and how to stay safe on the streets."

"I've been showing them my baton and telling them I've never had to use it throughout my whole career. In fact, the best weapon I have is my voice - just talking to people within the community."

Westcombe Park entrepreneur Ros John has had her own textile consultancy for the past 15 years, after being in the trade for the previous 10 years.

She brought along intriguing samples of cloth, including delicate fabric made from nettles and viscose made from the protein in milk.

Ros said: "My advice would be, join an organisation and learn as much as you can before launching yourself into being self-employed."

Ros, who was making her debut at the careers fair, added: "I think this event is great - trying to encourage and inspire young children, and to open their eyes as to what is possible."

A representative from a 40-place care-home in Finchale Road told the children about the challenges of working with older people with dementia.

Jacqueline Cox, the home's activities co-ordinator, told



MATERIALISM: pupils get a feel of the world of commerce



SELLING A LINE: pupils practise the art of salesmanship

GT: "You'd be surprised at how much these children understand already. The key is to keep bodies and minds as active as possible - with gardening, with cooking, with reminiscence projects."

The care-home already has strong links with its surrounding schools.

Jacqueline said: "It's good to get young and old learning

together."

● **EMPLOYERS** who want to find out more about helping Greenwich's primary school pupils to aim high and raise their aspirations, please contact Paula O'Donnell at Greenwich Council's Education Business Partnership on 020-8319 0610. You can also visit www.greenwich-ebp.org.uk



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).
Overview & Scrutiny Call-In
Sub-Committee - Tuesday, April 26, 5.30pm

Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel - Thursday, April 28, 7.00pm

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

Back to school

Retired teacher makes a popular comeback

by Pat Greenwood

THIS Plumstead mum-of-three began her career in the 1980s sharpening pencils and patching up scraped knees.
Now Lin Bray - who has just retired as a teaching assistant at the 340-pupil Bannockburn Primary School in Plumstead, has so enjoyed encouraging the youngest to write their names in recent years that she's going back as a literacy volunteer after the holidays.
Lin told GT: "Although I've worked with all age-groups within the school, it's mainly been with the little ones."
"And the best feeling is when they say to you: 'I can't do writing', and then they do."
"The look on their face is amazing."
Lin, now a grandmother-of-four, had never been through the gates of Bannockburn in Plumstead High Street before she took the job. "It's just lovely," she said. "And, if you're happy, then you just stay."
Headteacher Rob Carpenter explained to everyone in end-of-term assembly that Mrs Bray has supported not just them - but maybe their parents, aunts and uncles before them.
He told GT: "Lin is just so positive all the time - and she's been here so long that this school is now like an extension to her family!"
He added: "Here at Bannockburn, we really believe that our teaching assistants have a important role to play because they can devote the time and the attention that really helps children to achieve."
Chair of Governors Robert Young, who is now a part-time tutor at the University of Greenwich, said: "Mrs Bray is one of the longest-serving members of staff in this school, and she has worked under three headteachers."
He added: "Her contribution has been enormously appreciated and the children have benefited from the continuity she has provided over all these years."



SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS: Lin and the pupils who missed her so dearly

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Rubbish pick-ups will also be running as normal the following week. There is a collection on bank holiday Monday, May 2, and collections continue

as normal throughout the week. And remember: **BLUE-TOPPED BINS** are for mixed dry recycling. This includes: Cans, paper, plastic, cardboard and glass, empty aerosol cans and supermarket carrier bags. Not all plastic should go in this bin, some goes in the black-topped bins. Please

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See the 4-page pullout in the centre of this week's GT for more info or www.greenwich.gov.uk/recycling

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WITH summer just around the corner, people are starting to leave their windows open and are spending more time in their gardens. It also means that it's open season for thieves and crooks, who will be looking for easy ways to get into people's homes. But if you take some sensible and simple precautions, you and your property will be a lot safer and more secure. Andy Jonstone, Chief Inspector for Safer Neighbourhoods said: "It is that time of the year when it starts to get warmer, we leave our doors and windows opened and our garden sheds are full of expensive tools we have bought to improve our properties. Thieves are very aware of this and target households hoping that we might have been a little careless with our security. I would encourage everyone to follow the tips provided here. Simple steps can really prevent us from becoming victims of crime." Dick Townsend-Smith explains what steps you can take to help...

Beat the burglar

Check callers are the real deal

GREENWICH Police are urging people – particularly the vulnerable and elderly – to check before letting anyone into their homes. Not all burglars break in, some will try to trick their way through the door. Bogus callers will pretend to be employees from utility companies or the council. Or they may claim to be tradesmen calling to carry out urgent repairs. Bogus callers succeed because they sound believable. So think before you open the door - use your chain or spy hole or look out of the window to see if you recognise them. If you are not expecting any visits, ask for details but do not let anyone in until you are sure about their identity. Arrange for them to come back at a time that is more convenient for you – genuine callers will not object. Use this time to confirm who the caller is by phoning the business they claim to represent. Never let anyone into your home unless they have come to keep an arranged appointment. Do not allow a caller to rush or confuse you. If they insist and do not accept that you are not letting them in your home, shut the door immediately and dial 999. Detective Sergeant Keith Simmonett, an officer

with over 20 years experience in investigating burglars and bogus callers said: "Bogus callers are unremorseful individuals whose simple aim is to con as many elderly people as possible. They prey on the elderly and vulnerable in the hope that they will part with large sums of money." He added: I am appealing to everyone with elderly parents, friends, neighbours and relatives to ensure that they pass on my advice. Please do not entertain anyone calling on your door step and advising you that your property needs to be repaired. If anyone does, ask them to leave and inform them that you will seek advice from a trusted builder. "Do not give them any money and do not let them access your house. If you feel threatened, shut the door and ring 999." If you think a rogue trader has called at a door in your area you can report it to Greenwich Council's Trading Standards Neighbourhood Response Team (NRT) on 020-8921 8223. Officers can arrange to visit your house if traders are due to return. You can also report a consumer problem and get advice from Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

Drug dealers jailed for 29 years

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charged. They both pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine. Jama was sentenced to five years at Woolwich Crown Court and the 17-year-old received 18 months at Camberwell Youth Court on January 28. At the end of July officers moved on to investigate 29-year-old Hassan Hassan from London Road, Forest Hill, who was known on the streets as 'Goldie'. Hassan was controlling a drug line in East Greenwich and sold officers 42 grams of crack cocaine and 18 grams of heroin with a street value of £3,820. He was arrested and charged on November 9, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin and was sentenced to five years. Two months later officers begin gathering evidence against 24-year-old Ibrahim Jama, also known

as 'Max' from Woodhill Road, Woolwich. He was controlling drug markets in Shooters Hill helped by 19-year-old Freye Frezgi, from Rectory Field Crescent, Charlton. Officers bought four grams of crack cocaine and nearly two grams of heroin, with a street value of £405. The pair were arrested and charged on November 9, and pleaded guilty to conspiring to supply crack and heroin. Jama was sentenced to six years and eight months and Frezgi to four years. Operation Granite also built up evidence against four other men, who all pleaded guilty to being involved in supplying crack and heroin. They were: Kebba Sonko, 39, from Rochester Way, Kidbrooke, who was jailed for two years and eight months; Stephen Jones, 50, from Blackwall Lane, Greenwich,

jailed for two years on January 17 at Woolwich Crown Court; Erol Huseyin, 31, from Rochester Way, Kidbrooke, jailed for one year and eight months; and Louie Pope, 26, from Hatton Close, Plumstead, who was jailed for eight months on December 17 2010 at Woolwich Crown Court. Det Con Lund, who was at the heart of the investigation, said: "The purpose of this operation was to tackle prominent class A drug dealers. Jibril Jama, Hassan and Ibrahim Jama were at the heart of the drug dealings. These lengthy sentences send a strong message out to those involved in crime who believe they are untouchable and above the law. We have seriously disrupted drug dealings in Greenwich and will continue our investigations to bring more people before the courts."

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for environment and community safety, told GT: "These successful court sentences have brought to an end a highly organised criminal network, supplying the most harmful drugs that devastate our communities and ruin so many lives. "Despite the increasingly sophisticated ways these gangs seek to evade capture, the VOCU team have once again demonstrated their impressive levels of skill and professionalism to gather the necessary evidence to bring those involved to justice." Operation Granite follows another VOCU success, Operation Trazer, which saw 51 people arrested in coordinated early morning drugs raids last month.



THROUGH THE KEYHOLE: police officers check that a UPVC door is properly locked

UPVC doors need to be locked properly

FOLLOWING a recent spate of burglaries all over the borough, police report that houses and flats with UPVC doors are being particularly targeted.

Officers investigating burglaries have noticed that many of the victims do not realise that their UPVC doors can be opened from the outside because they have not been locked correctly. They are asking people who have a UPVC front or back door to ensure that they lift the handle, turn the key fully and then check the door is securely locked. Many doors have a five-lever dead bolt system which is activated when the inside handle is lifted upwards.

To ensure that bolts stay in place, doors have to be locked from the inside. If UPVC doors are not locked properly, all but the centre bolt can be disarmed from the outside. Burglars therefore only have to force one bolt to gain entry.

Keep your house and car keys out of reach

SOME residents are becoming victims of crime because they leave their house keys and car keys near their front doors.

Opportunistic thieves are 'fishing' cars and house keys through letterboxes. Ensure that you put your keys in a safe place, away from your letterbox, particularly at night time. But make sure that you place your keys somewhere easy for you to reach in case you need to get out of your home in an emergency.

Don't make your garden a rosy target

THIS is the time of the year when many people tidy up their gardens, buy new tools and invest in new equipment to make the best of the summer ahead. And it means that shed burglaries are already on the increase.

Greenwich Police say opportunistic thieves are breaking into sheds in the hope of finding valuable tools and goods which are easy to sell on. They have issued the following crime prevention advice:

- Make sure that your sheds are locked and if you have a shed alarm, ensure that it is in good working condition.
- Make sure all perimeter fences are in good repair and difficult to climb.
- Good lighting for the garden is an excellent deterrent. Go for lights which are on a timer or triggered by movement so they are not wasting electricity by being on all the time.
- Quality locks can make a difference, bearing in mind the flimsy nature of most garden sheds.
- Try to attach valuable items together in a shed using a good quality chain and if possible, anchor to an immovable item such as a bucket of set concrete or a purpose-designed anchor point.
- Use a good marking pen or engraving to act as a deterrent. It will help with identification if the items are recovered.
- Make sure that your back gate is locked and there are no climbing aids available such as bins, which would

allow a burglar to climb over with ease.

• If you would like to have more crime prevention advice, contact your Safer Neighbourhoods team. Details are on the Greenwich Metropolitan Police website at www.met.police.uk

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Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

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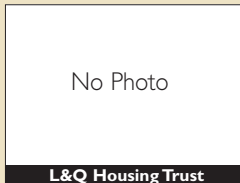
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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

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L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 93111
**Barrington Villas
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1 Bed 1st Floor flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H
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£85.03pw Band A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 123990
**Hatfield House
Merryweather PI SE10**
2 Bed 2nd Flr.Fi.Lift. E/Phn.
Rad C/H.No Pets. No Pkg.
Pref. to Med.L/A.Shwr
£114.49pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 127096
Hartville Road SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H.
£76.80pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 127767
**Viking House
Pett Street SE18**
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted. Ent.Ph
Storage Htrs.
£94.84pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 128010
**John Wilson Street
SE18**
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£87.10pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 128487
Eglington Road SE18
2 Bed Grnd Floor Mais
Garden. Entry phone.
Rad C/H
£87.09pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 128503
**Woolwich Church St
SE18**
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
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No Pkg.
£86.74pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 128505
**Shrewsbury Lane
SE18**
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£96.50pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 128510
Godstow Road SE2
3 Bed House Gdn
Rad C/H.
£103.33pw Bands A&B

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for advertised
properties will be
**every Sunday at
midnight.**



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**Charles Grinling Walk
SE18**
2 Bed 1st Floor Mais
Unlifted.
Combi Boiler & 1 Rad
£86.24pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 128959
Lamport Close SE18
3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H. No Pkg
£93.94pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 129180
Hartville Road SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H
£76.80pw Band A&B



Ref Number: 129360
Walpole Place SE18
3 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Lifted. Rad C/H
£95.68pw Band A&B
Tenants Mgt. Committee



Ref Number: 129845
**Bright Court
Byron Close SE28**
2 Bed 1st Floor Mais
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Rad C/H.No Dogs.
£102.42pw Band A&B



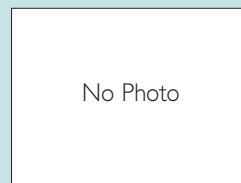
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Ref Number: 68650
**Beveridge Court
Saunders Way SE28**
1 Bed 7th Floor Flat
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Rad C/H. No Dogs.
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Gallions HA

Ref Number: 99866
Titmuss Avenue SE28
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted.Entry phone
Rad C/H. No Dogs
£90.22pw Band C



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Ref Number: 120456
Elmley Street SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Ent phn. Comm.Gas
Htg. Min. 1 Child
£94.21pw Band C
Tenants Mgt. Committee



Ref Number: 123629
Felixstowe Road SE2
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Garden.Entry Phone
Gas Fire Only.No Pkg.
£67.18pw Band C



Ref Number: 128009
**Viking House
Pett Street SE18**
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted. Ent.Ph. Stg Htrs.
No Pkg. Min. 1 Child
£94.84pw Band C

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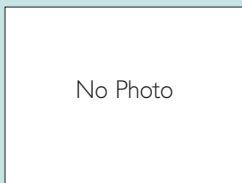
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Barney Close SE7
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Comm.Gas Htg.
Over 50.
£95.76pw Band C



Ref Number: I28512
Elmley Street SE18
1 Bed 5th Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£83.94pw Band C
Tenants Mgt. Committee



Ref Number: I28953
Rixon House
Barnfield Road SE18
3 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H. No Pkg
Min. 2 Child Any Age
£96.16pw Band C



Ref Number: I29885
Plumstead Common Rd SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H.
No Dogs.
£81.42pw Band C



Ref Number: I30028
Elmdene Road SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H
No Dogs.
£90.79pw Band C



Ref Number: I30198
Church Manor Way SE2
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H. No Dogs
£89.31pw Band C



Ref Number: I28877
Heavitree Close SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£71.84pw Band C



Ref Number: I30199
Sandyhill Ave SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H. No Dogs
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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941**. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include;
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

One Person Properties

Littleheath, Charlton, SE7, 2nd floor, Studio Flat.

Sam Manners House, Greenwich, SE10, 1st Floor Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

Beacham Close, Charlton SE7,
1 Bed 2 person 1st floor Flat.

Eltham Road, Lee SE12,
1 Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

Garnett Close, Eltham SE9
1 Bed 2 person , 2nd floor Flat.

Langton way, Blackheath SE3,
3Bed ground floor Flat.

Mandela House, Plumstead Common SE18,
1 Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 229

| Address | Bed-rooms | Property Type | No of Bids | Reg date of successful app | Band |
|---|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|------|
| Cross Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BY | 2 | FLAT | 162 | 02/04/2002 | C |
| Whinchat Road SE28 0EA | 1 | FLAT | 168 | 16/09/2008 | C |
| Derrick Gardens SE7 7TA | 2 | FLAT | 79 | 17/06/1982 | A |
| Gloucester Circus SE10 8RX | 1 | FLAT | 281 | 03/07/1991 | C |
| Raymond Postgate Court Tawney Road SE28 8DR | 1 | FLAT | 152 | 17/01/2007 | C |
| Leas Dale SE9 3BZ | 3 | HOUSE | 92 | 21/06/1979 | A |
| Sowerby Close SE9 6EZ | 1 | FLAT | 237 | 20/08/2009 | C |
| Blithdale Road SE2 9HJ | 2 | PARLOUR HOUSE | 29 | 02/08/2010 | B |
| Lilburne Road SE9 6PY | 3 | PARLOUR HOUSE | 92 | 25/11/1965 | A |
| Thornham Street SE10 9SD | 3 | MAISONETTE | 20 | 16/02/2011 | B |
| Holburne Road SE3 8HH | 2 | HOUSE | 69 | 09/02/2009 | A |
| Witherston Way SE9 3JL | 4 | HOUSE | 80 | 12/07/1993 | A |
| Mottingham Lane SE12 9AN | 2 | HOUSE | 73 | 21/02/1994 | A |
| Godstow Road SE2 9AT | 2 | FLAT | 20 | 10/12/2001 | A |
| Pallet Way SE18 4PB | 3 | HOUSE | 73 | 26/05/2003 | A |
| Canada Court Brookhill Road SE18 6BJ | 3 | FLAT | 180 | 08/09/2006 | C |
| Aberford Gardens SE18 4NZ | 2 | FLAT | 25 | 28/03/2011 | B |
| Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18 3TX | 3 | FLAT | 149 | 04/06/2007 | C |
| Shrewsbury Lane SE18 3JJ | 2 | FLAT | 15 | 10/02/2011 | B |
| Upton Road SE18 2TW | 2 | MAISONETTE | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Bardsley House Haddo Street SE10 9RG | 2 | FLAT | 38 | 02/12/1996 | A |
| Sowerby Close SE9 6EZ | 1 | FLAT | 48 | 21/05/2010 | B |
| The Vista SE9 5RL | 2 | FLAT | 58 | 27/09/1993 | A |
| Tattersall Close SE9 6ET | 1 | FLAT | 134 | 14/09/2009 | C |
| Kingsman Street SE18 5QF | 2 | MAISONETTE | 18 | 15/03/2011 | B |
| The Redwoods Congleton Grove SE18 7HP | 2 | FLAT | 185 | 22/12/2008 | C |
| Beryl House Spinel Close SE18 1LL | 2 | FLAT | 118 | 18/08/2009 | C |
| Brookhill Close SE18 6UD | 3 | HOUSE | 315 | 21/04/2004 | C |
| Plumstead Road SE18 7DN | 2 | MAISONETTE | 19 | 05/03/2010 | B |
| Ravine Grove SE18 2NE | 2 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Crystal House Spinel Close SE18 1LJ | 2 | FLAT | 124 | 17/03/2009 | C |
| Reminder Lane SE10 0NE | 4 | MAISONETTE | 34 | 18/08/2006 | B |
| Reminder Lane SE10 0NE | 4 | MAISONETTE | 23 | 22/02/2010 | A |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 2 | FLAT | | No Eligible Bids | |
| Barge Walk SE10 0NB | 2 | MAISONETTE | 317 | 13/10/2006 | C |
| Felixstowe Road SE2 9QW | 0 | FLAT | 126 | 02/09/2002 | C |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 2 | FLAT | 23 | 20/08/2001 | A |
| Kingsley Court Byron Close SE28 8AA | 2 | MAISONETTE | 10 | 12/03/2010 | C |
| Harold Wilson House Amott Close SE28 8BD | 1 | FLAT | 93 | 12/03/2008 | C |
| Hardinge Crescent SE18 6TB | 3 | HOUSE | 56 | 15/03/2004 | A |
| Lansbury Court Saunders Way SE28 8DY | 1 | FLAT | 120 | 17/12/2008 | C |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 3 | MAISONETTE | 34 | 23/09/2009 | B |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 3 | MAISONETTE | 23 | 08/10/2006 | B |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 2 | FLAT | 20 | 19/11/2009 | B |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 2 | FLAT | 283 | 11/09/2006 | C |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 2 | FLAT | 205 | 27/02/2009 | C |
| Bessemmer Place SE10 0ND | 2 | FLAT | 20 | 16/12/2008 | B |
| Reminder Lane SE10 0NE | 1 | FLAT | 283 | 29/12/2003 | C |
| Reminder Lane SE10 0NE | 2 | FLAT | 212 | 06/07/2007 | C |
| Balman House Rotherhithe New Road SE16 2AF | 3 | MAISONETTE | 18 | 01/03/2004 | A |

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 134 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order would be to:

- introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions on:
 - both sides of Battery Road between its junctions with Merbury Road and Western Way (not including the existing bus stop clearway);
 - both sides of Delisle Road, for 18 metres north-east of its junction with Merbury Road;
 - Merbury Road;
 - the north-east side, between its junctions with Delisle Road and Battery Road;
 - the south-west side, from a point 41 metres south-east of its junction with Delisle Road and its junction with Battery Road; and
 - both sides of the Western Way Slip Road linking Battery Road and the north-eastbound carriageway of Western Way (not including the existing bus stop clearway);
- remove the double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions from the following lengths of Goldfinch Road:
 - the west side, from the footpath leading to Fisherman's Walk southward for 33.5 metres, and from its junction with Gallions New Road southward for 56 metres to its junction with the cal-de-sac arm of Goldfinch Road; and
 - the east side, from 10 metres south of Gallions New Road southward for 37 metres;
- remove all waiting restrictions from the cal-de-sac arm of Goldfinch Road; and
- make minor amendments to the way in which the lengths of the existing waiting restrictions in Chertfield Walk, Glasher Street and Goldfinch Road, and the existing loading restrictions in Blazer Street are described, without material change to those lengths.


3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6034.

5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents, Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 148 St Cross Street, London, EC1H 8BA (quoting reference POL/THO/PJ/18194), to arrive by 10th May 2011.

6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building,
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 19th April 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 101/P800P)



LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
GLOUCESTER CIRCUS – ROAD CLOSURE
AND BANNED TURNS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to accommodate water mains replacement works in Gloucester Circus. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:

- prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in the north-easternmost arm of Gloucester Circus (being that length of road which connects Groom's Hill at the road ringing the central gardens) and
- prohibit vehicles proceeding in Groom's Hill from turning into Gloucester Circus.

2. The above road closure and banned turns would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.


3. Whilst the road closure and banned turns are in operation, affected traffic requiring access to those parts of Gloucester Circus that lie south-west of the road closure in the north-eastern arm would be diverted either via:

- Groom's Hill (north-westbound), Burney Street and Royal Hill; or
- Groom's Hill (south-eastbound), King George Street, Royal Place and Royal Hill.

4. The Order would come into force on 1st May 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately six weeks to complete.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6144.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
Changes to Residents' Permit Charges

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council, under section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with section 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, intends to increase the charges that are paid for residents' permits in all Controlled Parking Zones as specified in the Schedule to this Notice.

2. The change increases detailed in the Schedule to this Notice will come into operation on 16th May 2011.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building,
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 19th April 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 101/P800P)



SCHEDULE

| Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) | Current Charge | New Charge |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Abbey Wood ("AW"), Blackheath – Gibb's Gardens ("BG"), Deodar Green ("DG"), Eltham Station ("E"), Eltham Road ("ER"), Huddington ("H"), New Eltham ("NE"), Plumstead Station ("PL") | £15 per year | £17 per year |
| Blackheath – Lee ("BL"), Greenwich Town Centre ("G") | £30 per year | £32 per year |
| Charlton ("C"), East Greenwich ("EG"), Eltham Centre ("EC"), Westcombe Park ("W"), Woolwich Arsenal ("WA") | £40 per year | £42 per year |
| Woolwich Dockyard ("WD") | £35 per year | £37 per year |
| Additional residents' permits (all CPZs) | £130 per year | £136 per year |

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
Licensing Act 2003

Notice is given that **GREENWICH COUNCIL – COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, TOWN HALL, WELLINGTON STREET, WOOLWICH LONDON SE18 6PW** has applied for the GRANT of a Premises Licence for the following premises:

**ROYAL ARTILLERY BARRACKS SPORTS FIELDS,
REPOSITORY ROAD,
WOOLWICH,
LONDON
SE18 4BB**

A record of this application may be inspected by appointment at: Trading Standards Licensing Department, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London SE18 6DN (telephone number 020-8921 8818).

Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than **Monday 9 May 2011**. All representations must be made in writing. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

It is proposed that the following licensable activities will take place at the premises:

PROVISION OF REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT
DATE: SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2011
TIME: 7AM TO 9PM

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
ANGLESEA ROAD, BROOKHILL ROAD,
GRAND DEPOT ROAD, JOHN WILSON STREET AND WOOLWICH NEW ROAD –
TEMPORARY PROHIBITIONS AND
RESTRICTIONS OF TRAFFIC

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate construction works associated with the Tesco development adjacent to Grand Depot Road.

2. The effect of the Order would be to implement various traffic management measures, dependent on site conditions, which would include road closures, one-way working, prohibited turns, waiting restrictions and the suspension of any existing restrictions that conflict with these measures, as and when required, on the following roads:

Anglesea Avenue, Anglesea Road, Artillery Place, Brookhill Road, Claydon Mews, Cannington Mews, Grosvenor Road, Grand Depot Road, Gunner Lane, John Wilson Street, Mason Hill, Mill Lane, Sandy Hill Road, Slater Close, Wellington Street, Wilmount Street, Woolwich New Road and the access roads to Walpole Place.

NOTE: The prohibitions and restrictions in the above roads would not necessarily be applied concurrently.


3. The traffic prohibitions and restrictions in the above roads would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.

4. Whilst the prohibitions and restrictions remained in operation, affected traffic would be diverted via local roads as appropriate and should follow local diversionary signing.

5. The Order would come into force on 27th April 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the first phase requiring these traffic prohibitions and restrictions would take approximately 14 weeks to complete. Traffic prohibitions and restrictions would then be employed as and when required subject to timescales agreed between the Council and the developer.

6. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building,
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 19th April 2011
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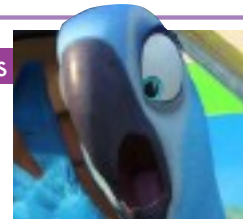
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Havin' a laugh
Mock The Week man at Indigo2
- P20



At the movies
Feeling Blu in Rio
- P20



New wave radio

A local broadcasting scene is bubbling away nicely at a radio station which celebrates a half-century on the air this year



WELL-MEANING doom-mongers might have expected the internet to sound

the death knell for local radio stations.

But far from putting the kibosh on local broadcasts, the web has made community radio a medium more accessible than ever before.

Greenwich's Meridian Radio celebrates its 50th birthday this year and to mark the occasion all of the station's contributors are making special programmes for broadcast over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Scene spoke to the team behind **In The Meantime**, a weekly webcast which deals with hyperlocal issues in the borough.

Matt Clinch and Owen Proctor-Jackson started the show in January after spotting a gap in the market. Matt told us: "It's like a magazine show - I did a bit of work experience at the BBC and it got me thinking about the 'community, have-your-say' type thing where people can air their opinions."

"Guests come into the studio, or we go and meet them. We try as much as possible to get out there and get people's views."

The show goes live to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Sunday evenings and is uploaded to the website as a podcast the following day. Owen added: "We wanted to compliment the local media and mediums out there and provide another angle, and hopefully do something slightly different."

"We focus on one issue or theme in each episode so we can go more in depth than say, a five-paragraph newspaper article. It's a platform for people to have a voice, to say their piece in their own way."

The pair have an Olympics special pencilled in for the Bank Holiday on Sunday May 1, with Greenwich councillor John Fahy guesting on the show to talk about the Games.

Owen adds: "Over one of the - many - upcoming bank



PUSH THE BUTTON: (from left to right) presenters Owen, Matt and Chris in the studio

holiday weekends Meridian is going to celebrate and all the different shows will be doing special slots. All the programmes will be doing extended shows during that weekend, and we will be doing the Olympics special." Matt lives in Charlton and

It's a platform for people to have a voice, to say their piece in their own way

Owen in Plumstead, and they hope that over time listeners will become even more integral to the station's output. "We try and use that to our advantage," says Owen, 26. "We want the listeners to direct us to the topics and the subjects that we cover. Right now we're very fresh and new and we're having to push it along a lot, but what we're hoping is that it will build its own momentum and listeners will say, 'have you heard about

this', or 'you should talk about such-and-such.'

"We're really looking forward to seeing what other people want us to do."

Deputy council leader Peter Brooks was a recent guest to the show, and Matt reckons that in the current climate local people are reconnecting with their area.

"It seems that council meetings have suddenly become more popular, and not just the council, but the local area too," he says.

"One of the good things about getting Peter in was that we got the people to send in their questions for him. He said we could ask him anything - and we did."

The pair have been pleasantly surprised by the response to the fledgling venture.

Owen adds: "We always thought there was enough to sustain the show, but when we started looking we realised that there is just so much going on."

"It's encouraging how much other people are doing as well, and it's nice to see people actually taking an

interest and getting involved. "We've only done about ten shows so we're still learning quite a lot. Hopefully as we progress we'll be able to get into even more depth with the issues we discuss on the show."

No radio show would be complete without a sports roundup, and 'Charlton Chris' Tremayne completes the line-up, reporting on the area's biggest football club as well as Blackheath Rugby Club and other local sports clubs.

The presenters do the show for the love of it, and there is no budget to speak of.

"We don't spend any money on the show at all," Matt says. "We pay our annual members fee, and then we spend just the bus fare to get here, and that's it. "We also use Twitter quite extensively and all the local blogs."

Rod Kitson

In The Meantime is online on Monday evenings at around 9pm. Listen anytime and get in touch with the team at www.inthementime.org.uk

Trap-eezy does it

Roll up roll up for the circus



CIRCUS CABARET comes to Woolwich later this month. It features live performances from the upcoming South

London circus school, **AirCraft Circus**.

The variety performance show at the Hangar Arts Trust in Woolwich includes colourful acts with Rope, Webspin, Aerial Hoop, static trapeze, dance acrobatics, hula hoop, silks and acrobalance. And there is even a compere with a ukelele. There is a fully licensed bar serving beer, wine and cocktails at the HAT building. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show starts at 8pm.

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Hangar Arts Trust, Unit 7A, Mellis House Harrington Way, Woolwich on April 30 at 8pm.

Tickets are on sale for £10 - adults/ £5 children and can be purchased at Hangar Arts Trust tel (020) 8317 8401 or online at www.aircraftcircus.com

Boy oh boy

B.I.G. move

FORMER Culture Club singer and '80s icon **Boy George** opened the new HQ of **Blind Independence Greenwich (B.I.G.)**. The music room which will serve as a teaching facility and headquarters, and is above the Abbey Arms pub on Wilton Road in Abbey Wood.

The music room was the brain child of B.I.G volunteer Danny Pickett.

"Music is the one of the best forms of therapy" he said at the launch. "Through the process of learning to play an instrument an individual can experience an insight that can be invaluable in promoting confidence and self esteem." Danny contacted Boy George to ask his help in raising B.I.G's profile and revenue-raising potential. The star - who grew up in Plumstead - cut the ribbon on Monday April 11.

CARING: George helps out with a guitar lesson



FINAL SCENE

Handy with a gag but not so the presence

Andy Parsons has great material, but is let down by a lack of confidence on stage, writes Dean Beadle

WITH COMEDIAN Andy Parsons opening up his show at the IndigO2 on April 9 by shedding light on the plight of comedian Zarganar, who was jailed in Burma for criticising the government. "Thank God it isn't like that here" he quipped. In his well-observed satirical set nothing escaped his acerbic wit: The coalition, recent events in Libya, ("I think the clue is in the word 'dictator'," he deadpanned – "I don't ever remember seeing a book called 'Pol Pot - the Nice Years'".) Topman, the press and even Alan Sugar couldn't escape his haranguing style of humour. The follically-challenged star of BBC's Live at the Apollo even poked fun at himself: "We should form a bald and gingers alliance. But on the rally, if the sun comes out - there'll be a lot of hats being worn," he joked. Having been a mainstay of topical quiz show Mock The Week for five years, it's no surprise that Parsons' material is well read, sharply observant and

incredibly well informed. His set is perfectly pitched and his stating-the-obvious patter is brilliantly relevant in the current climate. But in terms of delivery style, he is nowhere near polished enough. The first half of his act was slow to get off the ground, his jokes weren't always linked together, and he relied on connectives like "basically" and "right" far too much. And basically, after hearing the word "basically" for the hundredth time it basically begins to grate, right? He didn't seem at ease and occasionally looked uncomfortable in the extreme. In fact, at times he seemed almost surprised when his material got a laugh. That said, he proved himself at the eleventh hour and the much better-timed second half had the audience in fits. Parsons' biggest issue is that he isn't confident enough. He is stiff and reserved, and in the modern world of comedy where comedians are selling out arenas, comics have to be dynamic. Parsons' material is funny - very funny - but that

isn't enough. His humour may be well-observed and brilliantly pitched, but the comedian himself isn't energetic enough to fill even the platform at the IndigO2, and as a result he had little stage presence. In a world where style is held above substance, Parsons is an old among the young. He reminds me of a cantankerous old uncle, propping up the bar putting the world to rights - the acerbic uncle of comedy. In light of that, it's important to point out that there is something incredibly loveable about Parsons. He has such a warm manner that the audience would have forgiven him anything. The mic stopped working briefly, he had to blow his nose and he was heckled, but none of that threw him. In fact, he was able to make fun of those situations and kept the crowd laughing throughout. He may not be energetic or stylistically weird enough to fill arenas, but his witty and well aimed grumbles definitely do have an audience. If only he would grow to be more comfortable in front of them.

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Easter romp is no carnival for the adults

Rio: Grande flop



A SLOTH named Sid and a bird called Blu are the stars of the latest animated 3D offering from the makers of Ice Age.

This time, director Carlos Saldanha transports us from the glacial snowdrifts of the last ice age to the humid jungles of present day Rio. Well, near Rio at any rate. 'Brazilian Rainforest Just Outside Of Rio' doesn't quite have the same ring to it, does it? The story of species conservation and planet destruction is pleasant enough, and concerns the trials and tribulations of a domesticated macaw, Blu, voiced by Jesse 'The Social Network' Eisenberg. Blu, the last male of his species, is reluctantly taken to Rio, in order to mate with Jewel, the last of her kind, (Anne Hathaway). But exotic bird traffickers lurk around every corner and Blu and Jewel must find a way to freedom past Nigel (Jermaine Clement), a hideous cockatoo and an army of marmosets armed only with the help of a red crested cardinal played by Black Eyed Pea rapper, Will.i.am, a yellow canary voiced by Jamie 'Don't call me Ray' Foxx, and Tracy Morgan as the constantly drooling bulldog, Luiz. While undoubtedly appealing to younger children, the film fails to satisfy on a number of levels. Firstly, it lacks the depth of its some of its more illustrious, animated predecessors and is thus less accessible to adults; where is the toy constantly ruminating over his future, potential obsolescence (Toy Story); the single father desperately trying (and failing) to cope with his child's disability (Finding Nemo); the

monster' existential dilemma, questioning his right to frighten young children (Monster's Inc). Moreover, where is the humour and the wit? Subtlety and ambiguity have been almost entirely replaced by slapstick and farce, the whole hidden under a plethora of superfluous characters. But most importantly, just where are the voices? Perhaps only in animated movies are voices so critical: Tom Hanks simply was Woody the Cowboy in Toy Story. David Schwimmer was wonderfully well cast as the hypochondriac giraffe in Madagascar. Billy Crystal was born to play a neurotic monster (Monster's Inc). So, professional as Eisenberg is (cautious neurosis his trademark) he simply does not do birds - a flaw which frankly undermines the entire movie. Hathaway is better but her role is less demanding in a script that is woefully thin. Director Saldanha oversees an explosion of colour and stream of good songs but given a bar set almost impossibly high by the likes of Toy Story and Nemo, Rio simply fails to meet adult expectations. Good Easter fare for youngsters, but lacks appeal of some of its predecessors.

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Thud-dersfield!



BANG: Joey Gudjonsson blasts the late winner for Huddersfield at The Valley on Saturday

Charlton 0
Huddersfield 1
by Kevin Nolan

THOUGH he was blissfully unaware of it at the time, Joey Gudjonsson's late free kick winner for promotion seekers Huddersfield Town was even more exquisitely timed than he could possibly have imagined.

A minute earlier, at St. Mary's, Guly Do Prado's goal had sent Southampton on their way to a scruffy win over relegation probables Bristol Rovers and a potentially decisive three point advantage over the Terriers with a game in hand.

Gudjonsson's instant riposte effectively kept his side involved in the bitter battle for that key second place. With the heartbreak of last season's semi-final play-off setback still keenly felt in Yorkshire, manager Lee Clark was entitled to a huge sigh of relief.

Town's win over the Addicks was no more elegant than Southampton's over struggling Rovers but was just about deserved.

There were moments, particularly during the second half, when the home side threatened to scupper their visitors' prospects but the Terriers were marginally the better side.

They were seven minutes from goalless frustration, though, when Jose Semedo, in an attempt to rectify Michael Stewart's error, tripped Gudjonsson 30 yards from goal. Up stepped the Icelandic international to blast a free kick into the defensive wall, where Federico Bessone's arm halted its goalbound progress.

Gudjonsson's second effort from the edge of the penalty area was brutally bludgeoned into the top right corner and The Valley's gloom sped down

the M3 to Southampton, where the bush telegraph cruelly silenced the briefly cockahoop locals.

Late defeat was poor reward for Charlton, who can at least look Huddersfield's promotion rivals in the eye after giving this game every inch and ounce of effort, if sadly not quality.

They had opportunities to snatch a first half lead but honest endeavour was unsupported by clinical finishing at critical times. Gary Doherty headed Stewart's free kick into Ian Bennett's hands; a well-rehearsed setpiece routine set up Bradley Wright-Phillips to toe-end a half-chance over the bar; Paul Benson's sideways-on volley whistled dangerously too high.

The Terriers were hardly under siege but The Addicks comfortably held their own. Two heroically blocked efforts from Gudjonsson and Kevin Kilbane's wayward drive were as much as his side could muster.

After an interval, which provided eagerly awaited relief, Charlton improved and Stewart, when set up by clever byline combination between Thierry Racon and Wright-Phillips, blazed unhandsonely off target. At the other end, Gary Roberts met Gudjonsson's curling cross on the bounce at the far post only to head wastefully across goal, before the united defiance of Bessone and Semedo closed down Scott Arfield at point blank range.

Finally beginning to faintly resemble the promotion candidates they'd been at pains to disguise, Town should have scored through centre back Peter Clark, who glanced Roberts' inswinging corner wide of the left post, but then needed Bennett's sharp save from Scott Wagstaff's volley and Clark's emergency block

on Wright-Phillips, whose whiplash shot on the turn seemed to have bypassed him. A premature offside flag denied Wright-Phillips a golden opportunity to break the deadlock, as did the smart reflexes Bennett used to prevent Semedo from heading Chris Solly's fine cross under the bar. During a brief awkward patch, Clark again blocked superbly after Racon's low drive was deflected conveniently for Benson to shoot first time.

A creditable point seemed on the cards, a result which promised to give Chris Powell the satisfaction of two consecutive clean sheets until his snakebitten side came up with yet another way to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory or, more accurately in this case, from the claws of compromise.

Stewart's miskick was avoidable folly, Semedo's foul on Gudjonsson a forgivably desperate attempt to make good the mistake. Both of Gudjonsson's free kicks were cheerfully uncomplicated, the second of them tearing through an apprehensive wall that had seen the damage inflicted by his ferocious range-finder.

One flash of brilliance separated these sides. So does a league table which tells us that Charlton just haven't been good enough. They've been trying but they haven't been nearly good enough.

Charlton (4-4-2): Sullivan, Solly, Fortune, Doherty, Bessone, Wagstaff, Semedo, Stewart, Racon (Reid, 77), Benson, Wright-Phillips. Not used: Gough, Francis, Llera, Nouble, Parrett, Eccleston.

Huddersfield (4-5-1): Bennett, Peltier, Clarke, McCombe, Naysmith, Hunt, Arfield, Gudjonsson, Kilbane, Roberts (Novak, 73), Afobe (Kay, 86). Not used: Colgan, Ward, Rhodes, Lee, Morrison.

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- ✓ Please use compostable bags or newspaper to wrap your food waste. This will prevent food waste sticking to the side of the bin and reduce odours. Compostable liners are available to buy from the Council with free delivery – ring the Contact Centre on 020 8921 4661 to order.
- ✓ Please do not use plastic bags to wrap your food waste. Plastic is not compostable and will result in your bin being tagged.
- ✓ Please remove any plastic wrapping or packaging from food before disposing of it in your Green Top bin.

BLACK What's left over

- Nappies
- Incontinence pads
- Sanitary wear
- Textiles (or take to a recycling bank or use the free collection service)
- Waxed food & drinks cartons (or take to a recycling bank)
- Cigarette ends or ashtray contents
- Pet waste or cat litter
- Polystyrene
- Vacuum bag contents or waste swept from the floor

Please remember: If you are in any doubt as to where a particular type of waste should go, put it in the **Black Top** bin.

by recycling as much as you can

BLUE Mixed Dry Recycling

Did you know?

42% of the material placed in an average Greenwich bin could be recycled in the **Blue Top**

Paper accounts for 53%
Glass for 23% • Cardboard 12%
Plastic 7% • Cans 5%



✓ Cans

- Drinks cans
- Ready meal containers (rinsed)
- Foil
- Food cans
- Empty aerosol cans

✓ Cardboard

- Greetings cards
- All cardboard boxes
- Food packets
- Toilet roll/kitchen roll inserts

✓ Paper

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Directories
- Catalogues

✓ Glass

- Drinks bottles (clear & coloured)
- Food jars & bottles

✓ Plastic

- Plastic bottles (drinks, milk, toiletries, household fluids etc.)
- Supermarket carrier bags, food packaging

✗ No thank you!

- Food waste
- Nappies, sanitary wear
- Pet Waste
- Tissues
- Textiles
- Plastic toys or plastic garden furniture
- Waxed food & drinks cartons



If you do not have a Blue top bin and you want to recycle, please telephone the Council's contact centre to order one on **020 8921 4661** or email **contact-centre@greenwich.gov.uk**

Remember you can keep it simple by just recycling your newspapers and glass bottles and jars.
Every little helps!

IMPORTANT

Please **DO NOT** put black bags in this bin as the collection crews are unable to see that they contain good recyclable material. Clear recycling bags are available from the Council **FREE** of charge – including delivery. Please telephone **020 8921 4661** to order a supply.



Electrical goods & other items

Small electrical items, household batteries, clothing, shoes, waxed food and beverage cartons, books, videos, DVD's, tapes and CD's can be disposed of at our recycling banks that are situated around the borough.

Their location can be found on our web site **www.greenwich.gov.uk** or by telephoning **020 8921 4661**.

You can also take these items to our **Reuse and Recycling Centre** at Nathan Way, Thamesmead SE28 0AB

Opening times:

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Mon-Fri | 8.00am - 6.30pm |
| Saturday | 8.00am - 5.00pm |
| Sunday | 9.00am - 4.30pm |
| Bank Holidays | 9.00am - 4.30pm |

Top Tips ✓ Mixed dry recycling Bin

- ✓ Please avoid using black sacks in your Blue Top recycling bin. Instead use clear recycling sacks (available free from the Council) so that collection crews can see that they contain only good recyclable material.
- ✓ Please rinse dirty food containers or put them in your Black Top bin. Excess food waste greatly affects the quality of the recycled material.
- ✓ Please do not put disposable nappies or sanitary wear in the Blue Top bin – put them in the Black Top bin instead.
- ✓ Please do not put textiles in the Blue Top bin. Instead, use the free textiles recycling service – ring the Contact Centre on 020 8921 4661 to arrange your free collection.

Revised Collection Dates

Easter Bank Holiday

| Usual collection dates | Revised collection dates |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Good Friday 22nd April | Normal Collection |
| Easter Monday 25th April | Normal Collection |
| Tuesday 26th April | Normal Collection |
| Wednesday 27th April | Normal Collection |
| Thursday 28 April | Normal Collection |
| Friday 29 April | Normal Collection |

May Bank Holiday

| Usual collection dates | Revised collection dates |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday 2 May | Normal Collection |
| Tuesday 3 May | Normal Collection |
| Wednesday 4 May | Normal Collection |
| Thursday 5 May | Normal Collection |
| Friday 6 May | Normal Collection |

| Usual collection dates | Revised collection dates |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday 30 May | Tuesday 31 May |
| Tuesday 31 May | Wednesday 1 June |
| Wednesday 1 June | Thursday 2 June |
| Thursday 2 June | Friday 3 June |
| Friday 3 June | Saturday 4 June |

August Bank Holiday

| Usual collection dates | Holiday collection dates |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday 29 August | Tuesday 30 August |
| Tuesday 30 August | Wednesday 31 August |
| Wednesday 31 August | Thursday 1 September |
| Thursday 1 September | Friday 2 September |
| Friday 2 September | Saturday 3 September |



Textiles

Greenwich Council now offers a free textile collection. Bags of textiles will be collected in conjunction with the existing bulky collections service. Collect and save your old unwanted textiles in a bag and simply ring the Greenwich Council Contact Centre on 020 8921 4661 to arrange your free collection.

What do I need to do?

A label should be attached to your bag(s) of textiles so that it is clearly visible to the collection crew.

Labels are available to print from the Council website by clicking on the link on the Bulky Household Waste information page. If you do not have internet access or printing facilities, simply attach your own label.

The table tells you what you can and cannot recycle via the Textile collection:

| Yes please | No thanks |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| ✓ Clothing | ✗ Soiled rags |
| ✓ Shoes (keep in pairs in a bag) | ✗ Carpet |
| ✓ Sheets | ✗ Rugs |
| ✓ Towels | ✗ Glass |
| ✓ Blankets | ✗ Metal |
| ✓ Curtains | ✗ Paper |
| | ✗ Rubbish |

Preventing obstruction

- It is important that you present your bins/sacks on the pavement **on your collection day only** to prevent obstruction. This will particularly assist those residents with children in pushchairs, wheel-chair users, or the partially sighted who need a safe, clear and accessible route at all times.
- It is an offence for your bins/sacks to be on the pavement on days other than your collection day and this could result in your bins being removed. Please ensure that you only present your waste and recycling for collection on your designated collection day and that you return your bins to within your property boundary after collection has taken place.
- If you are unable to store your wheeled bins off the public highway and within your property boundary, we can offer you an alternative to bins. If you would like to discuss this further, please telephone the Contact Centre on 020 8921 4661.

To find out more about the Council's waste & recycling services visit the Council's website at www.greenwich.gov.uk/recycling
email: contact-centre@greenwich.gov.uk
or telephone **020 8921 4661**